

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] In conjunction with the general design of a cassette filter having a frame and a pleated filter mat and protective grid inserted into it, reference is made to DE 195 45 064 A1. In Fig. 1, protective grid 1 according to the present invention is manufactured from individual film strips 2 and 5, which between them form passage holes 3. Film strips 2 and 5 run parallel to oncoming flow direction 4 of the medium to be filtered. A film strip 5 of an identical design is attached to film strip 2. Points of contact 6 are formed by correspondingly stacking film strips 2 and 5 on top of each other. At these points of contact 6, film strips 2 and 5 are glued together. In the selected example, this results in passage holes 3 having a hexagonal layout with a cell size D. Such a design of the honeycomb is formed by film strips, which are provided with corresponding bends 8. However, it is also possible to bond film strips together in a corrugated form. Due to the selected thickness of film strips 2 and 5, which is less than 0.5 mm, and the selected diameter of passage holes 3, an open area amounting to more than 75% of the oncoming flow area is achieved. Core height 9 of protective grid 1 is selected to be 8 mm.